



# How to defeat Shaytan



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# Glossary



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# Knowing the Characteristics of Shaytān

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*Chapter One*

1 Allāh ﷻ says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا - وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا - وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُم مِّنَ اللَّهِ فَضْلًا كَبِيرًا - وَلَا تَطِعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَدَعْ أَذَاهُمْ وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۚ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا﴾

**“O Prophet! We have sent you as a witness, and a deliverer of good news, and a warner, and a caller to ‘the Way of’ Allah by His command, and a beacon of light. Give good news to the believers that they will have a great bounty from Allah. Do not yield to the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Overlook their annoyances, and put your trust in Allah. For Allah is sufficient as a Trustee of Affairs.”**

Ṣurah Al-Ahzāb: 45-48

Allāh ﷻ sent the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ with guidance and the religion of truth. He was commanded to give glad tidings to the truthful believers; that they will receive a great reward from Allāh which is Paradise, an everlasting bliss.

2 Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ﴾

**“Give good news ‘O Prophet’ to those who believe and do good that they will have Gardens under which rivers flow.”**

Ṣurah Al-Baqarah: 25

This is the reward for the believers who attain true īmān.

3 Allāh ﷻ commanded the prophet to give glad tidings to the stubborn disbelievers of the Hell-fire and an everlasting torment. Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ﴾

**“And give good news ‘O Prophet’ to the disbelievers of a painful punishment.”**

Ṣurah At-Tawbah: 3

4 Iblīs (May Allāh’s Curse Be upon Him) is from the disbelievers as Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ﴾

**“but not Iblīs, who refused and acted arrogantly, and was one of the disbelievers.”**

Ṣurah Al-Baqarah: 34

As Iblīs is a disbeliever, he falls underneath the aforementioned verses regarding the disbelievers. Therefore, he is not to be obeyed. He is from those who have been given glad tidings of the hell-fire, rather, he is the caller of those in the hell-fire. He called them day and night so that they can be with him in the hell-fire. For this reason, Allāh gave glad-tidings of hell-fire to Iblīs and his followers.

5 Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿لَأَمْلَأَنَّ جَهَنَّمَ مِنْكَ وَمِمَّنْ تَبِعَكَ مِنْهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ﴾

**“I will surely fill up Hell with you and whoever follows you from among them, all together.”**

Ṣurah Sād: 85



6 Also, the Most High said:

﴿وَبُرِّزَتِ الْجَحِيمُ لِلْغَاوِينَ﴾

“and the Hellfire will be displayed to the deviant.”

Ṣurah Al-Shu‘arā: 91

7 Until Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿فَكُبِّبُوا فِيهَا هُمْ وَالْغَاوُونَ - وَجُنُودُ إِبْلِيسَ أَجْمَعُونَ﴾

“Then they will be thrown on their faces into the [Fire], they and the deviant and the soldiers of Iblīs, all together.”

Ṣurah Al-Shu‘arā: 94-95

8 Iblīs is a clear enemy for the human, the Most High said:

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ﴾

“Surely Satan is a sworn enemy to humankind.”

Ṣurah Yūsuf: 5

9 Allāh ﷻ has warned the children of Ādam from this clear enemy, the Most High said:

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ فَاتَّخِذُوهُ عَدُوًّا ۚ إِنَّمَا يَدْعُو حِزْبَهُ لِيَكُونُوا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ﴾

“Surely Satan is an enemy to you, so take him as an enemy. He only invites his followers to become inmates of the Blaze.”

Ṣurah Fātir: 6

10 The Most High said:

﴿وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطَوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ﴾

“do not follow Satan’s footsteps. He is truly your sworn enemy.”

Ṣurah Al-Baqarah: 168

In the following pages, we will be discussing how a Muslim can forge a strong fortress to protect them from the accursed Shaytān.

11 The Prophet ﷺ said:

“إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَمَرَنِي بِخَمْسٍ كَلِمَاتٍ أَنْ أَعْمَلَ بِهِنَّ، وَأَمَرَكُمُ أَنْ تَعْمَلُوا بِهِنَّ”

“Verily, Allāh commanded me with five affairs, that I act by them, and command you to act by them”

12 And he ﷺ mentioned from it:

“وَأَمَرَكُمُ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ كَثِيرًا، وَإِنْ مَثَلَ ذَلِكَ كَمَثَلِ رَجُلٍ طَلَبَهُ الْعَدُوُّ سِرَاعًا فِي أَثَرِهِ، فَأَتَى حِصْنًا حَصِينًا، فَأَخْرَزَ نَفْسَهُ فَتَحَصَّنَ فِيهِ، وَإِنَّ الْعَبْدَ أَحْصَنُ مَا يَكُونُ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ إِذَا كَانَ فِي ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ”

“I command you with performing a lot of remembrance of Allāh, and the parable of this person is like a man who is being closely chased by the enemy, then he reaches a strong fortress, by this he protects and shields himself, and the best fortress that a slave can take from the Shaytān is the remembrance of Allāh (؟).”

Jāmi’ al-Tirmidhī 2863



13 The Messenger ﷺ said:

"مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ، وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ. فِي يَوْمٍ مِائَةً مَرَّةً، كَانَتْ لَهُ عَدَلٌ عَشْرٍ رِقَابٍ، وَكُتِبَتْ لَهُ مِائَةٌ حَسَنَةٍ، وَمُحِيتَ عَنْهُ مِائَةٌ سَيِّئَةٍ، وَكَانَتْ لَهُ حِرْزًا مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ يَوْمَهُ ذَلِكَ حَتَّى يُمِسي، وَلَمْ يَأْتِ أَحَدٌ بِأَفْضَلَ مِمَّا جَاءَ بِهِ، إِلَّا أَحَدٌ عَمِلَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ"

"If one says one-hundred times in one day: None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, the Alone Who has no partners, to Him belongs Dominion and to Him belong all the Praises, and He has power over all things, one will get the reward of manumitting ten slaves, and one-hundred good deeds will be written in his account, and one-hundred bad deeds will be wiped off or erased from his account, and on that day he will be protected from the morning till evening from Satan, and nobody will be superior to him except one who has done more than that which he has done."

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 3293 and Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2691

It is necessary to know this enemy and his characteristics, so we say after seeking aid from Allāh:

## 1 — First Characteristic: Iblīs Is From the Jinn

01

﴿إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ كَانَ مِنَ الْجِنِّ فَفَسَقَ عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِ﴾

"but not Iblīs, who was one of the jinn, but he rebelled against the command of his Lord."

Surah Al-Kahf: 50

The Jinn were created before Humans.

02

﴿وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ صَلْصَالٍ مِّنْ حَمَإٍ مَّسْنُونٍ -  
وَالْجَانَّ خَلَقْنَاهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ مِنْ نَّارِ السَّمُومِ﴾

"Indeed, We created man from sounding clay moulded from black mud. As for the jinn, We created them earlier from smokeless fire."

Surah Al-Hijr: 26-27

The Jinn were created from fire.

03

﴿وَخَلَقَ الْجَانَّ مِنْ مَّارِجٍ مِّنْ نَّارٍ﴾

"and created jinn from a 'smokeless' flame of fire."

Surah Ar-Rahmān: 15

Ibn 'Abbās ؓ said:

"﴿وَخَلَقَ الْجَانَّ مِنْ مَّارِجٍ مِّنْ نَّارٍ﴾ مِنْ خَالِصِ النَّارِ"

"(and created jinn from a 'smokeless' flame of fire) from pure fire."

Tafsīr Ibn Kathīr

04

﴿وَالْجَانَّ خَلَقْنَاهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ مِنْ نَّارِ السَّمُومِ﴾

"As for the jinn, We created them earlier from smokeless fire."

Surah Al-Hijr: 27

Iblīs affirms this and said:

05

﴿أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِن نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِن طِينٍ﴾

**“I am better than he is: You created me from fire and him from clay.”**

Surah Al-A'rāf: 12

The Prophet ﷺ said:

06

”خُلِقَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ مِن نُّورٍ وَخُلِقَ الْجَانُّ مِن مَّارِجٍ مِّن نَّارٍ وَخُلِقَ آدَمُ مِمَّا وُصِفَ لَكُمْ“

**“The Angels were created from light, the Jinn were created from the spark of fire and Ādam was created from that which has been described to you.”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2996

The Jinn are similar to the Humans with regards to accountability for acts of worship and the legislation. Verily, Allāh created the humans to worship him and so too the Jinn.

The Most High said:

07

﴿وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ﴾

**“I did not create jinn and humans except to worship Me.”**

Surah Ad-Dhāriyāt: 56

08

﴿يَا مَعْشَرَ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنسِ أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ رُسُلٌ مِّنكُمْ يَقُصُّونَ عَلَيْكُم آيَاتِي وَيُنذِرُونَكُمْ لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هَٰذَا قَالُوا شَٰهِدْنَا عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِنَا ۖ وَغَرَّبْنَاهُمْ حَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا وَشَٰهَدُوا عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَنَّهُمْ كَافِرِينَ﴾

**“Allah will ask”: O assembly of jinn and humans! Did messengers not come from among you, proclaiming My revelations and warning you of the coming of this Day of yours? They will say: We confess against ourselves! For they have been deluded by ‘their’ worldly life. And they will testify against themselves that they were disbelievers.”**

Surah Al-An’ām: 130

The Jinn are completely like the Humans in relation to acts of worship, creed and religion. From amongst the Jinn there are: Muslims, Christians, Jews and disbelievers. Also, from the Jinn there are: the righteous, the disobedient, the pious and the criminal.

As the Most High stated from their own statement:

09

﴿وَأَنَا مِنَّا الصَّالِحُونَ وَمِنَّا دُونَ ذَٰلِكَ ۖ كُنَّا طَرَائِقَ قِدْدًا﴾

**“Among us are those who are righteous and those who are less so. We have been of different factions.”**

Surah Al-Jinn: 11

10

﴿وَأَنَا مِنَّا الْمُسْلِمُونَ ۖ وَمِنَّا الْقَاسِطُونَ ۖ فَمَنْ أَسْلَمَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ تَحَرَّوْا رَشَدًا - وَأَمَّا الْقَاسِطُونَ فَكَانُوا لِجَهَنَّمَ حَطَبًا﴾

**“And among us are those who have submitted ‘to Allah’ and those who are deviant. So ‘as for’ those who submitted, it is they who have attained Right Guidance. And as for the deviant, they will be fuel for Hell.”**

Surah Al-Jinn: 14-15



The disbelievers from the Jinn and Humans will both be in the hell-fire. Indeed, Allāh ﷻ created the hell-fire to punish the disbelievers, sinners, and criminals from amongst the Humans and Jinn. The Most High said:

11

﴿وَلَقَدْ ذَرَأْنَا لِجَهَنَّمَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنسِ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ بِهَا وَلَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا وَلَهُمْ آذَانٌ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا أُولَٰئِكَ كَالْأَنْعَامِ بَلْ هُمْ أَضَلُّ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْغَافِلُونَ﴾

**“Indeed, We have destined many jinn and humans for Hell. They have hearts they do not understand with, eyes they do not see with, and ears they do not hear with. They are like cattle. In fact, they are even less guided! Such ‘people’ are ‘entirely’ heedless.”**

Surah Al-A'rāf: 179

12

﴿وَلَوْ شِئْنَا لَآتَيْنَا كُلَّ نَفْسٍ هُدًى وَلَكِن حَقَّ الْقَوْلُ مِنِّي لَأَمْلَأَنَّ جَهَنَّمَ مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ﴾

**“Had We willed, We could have easily imposed guidance on every soul. But My Word will come to pass: I will surely fill up Hell with jinn and humans all together.”**

Surah As-Sajdah: 13

A questioner may ask: ***How will Allāh punish the Jinn with fire, when they have been created from fire?***

This can be answered in two ways; a general response and a detailed response.

General response: the believer, who is pleased with; Allāh as their Lord, Islam as their religion, and Muhammad as their prophet and Messenger believes that Allāh is able to do everything.

Detailed response; and this is divided into three:

1

Allāh ﷻ created the Jinn from fire, however, they are currently not fire. Similarly, Allāh created the Human from clay, however, they are not currently clay. Rather, they are; blood, flesh, and bones.

The proof that the Jinn are not currently fire are as follows:

Firstly, the Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿إِنَّ عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ إِبْلِيسَ جَاءَ بِشِهَابٍ مِّن نَّارٍ لِّيَجْعَلَهُ فِي وَجْهِهِ﴾

**“Allah's enemy Iblis came with a flame of fire to put it in my face”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 542

This indicates that if Iblīs was still fire, as he was created, he would not be in need to come with a flame of fire.

Secondly, the Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَجْرِي مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ مَجْرَى الدَّمِ﴾

**“Verily Satan circulates in the body of the human like blood”**

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 2039 and Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2174



Thirdly, ‘Ā’ishah رضي الله عنها said:

"أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ رَأَى شَيْطَانًا وَهُوَ فِي الصَّلَاةِ ، فَأَخَذَهُ فَخَنَّقَهُ حَتَّى وَجَدَ بَرْدَ لِسَانِهِ عَلَى يَدِهِ"  
**“The Prophet (ﷺ) saw Shaytān whilst he was praying. So he grabbed and strangled him until he found the coldness of his tongue on his hand.”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Ibn Hibbān 2350

This indicates that in Shaytān is that which is cold, and not fire.

2

The hell-fire has extreme heat and cold. Allāh ﷻ said, about the people of Jannah:

﴿لَا يَرَوْنَ فِيهَا شَمْسًا وَلَا زَمْهَرِيرًا﴾

**“never seeing scorching heat or bitter cold.”**

Surah Al-Insān: 13

This verse indicates that the people of hell-fire will experience scorching heat and bitter cold. The scholars say: the Jinn will be punished in the fire with this bitter cold.

3

Allāh ﷻ has power over everything; he can punish whomsoever He wills with whatever He wills. Allāh is able to punish the human through that which they are made of; bones, flesh and blood. One can drown in blood, suffer blunt trauma from flesh and penetrating trauma from bone. Similarly, He is able to punishment the Jinn with the fire although they are created from it.

2 —

## Second Characteristic: The Ability to Change Forms

The Jinn in their original form cannot be seen by the human. The Most High said:

﴿إِنَّهُ يَرَاكُمْ هُوَ وَقَبِيلُهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا تَرَوْنَهُمْ﴾

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**“Surely he and his soldiers watch you from where you cannot see them.”**

Surah Al-A'rāf: 27

However, if they change their form, then they can be seen by the human. The evidence shows that the forms in which they can be take are as a: human, snake, black dog or other than these.

## THE FORM OF A HUMAN

Abī Hurayrah رضي الله عنه said:

"وَكَلَّنِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِحِفْظِ زَكَاةِ رَمَضَانَ، فَأَتَانِي آتٍ فَجَعَلَ يَخْتُو مِنْ الطَّعَامِ، فَأَخَذْتُهُ، وَقُلْتُ وَاللَّهِ لَأَرْفَعَنَّكَ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. قَالَ إِنِّي مُحْتَاجٌ، وَعَلَى عِيَالٍ، وَلِي حَاجَةٌ شَدِيدَةٌ. قَالَ فَخَلَّيْتُ عَنْهُ فَأَصْبَحْتُ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ مَا فَعَلَ أَسِيرُكَ الْبَارِحَةَ. قَالَ قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ شَكَا حَاجَةً شَدِيدَةً وَعِيَالًا فَرَحِمْتُهُ، فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ. قَالَ: أَمَا إِنَّهُ قَدْ كَذَبَكَ وَسَيَعُودُ. فَعَرَفْتُ أَنَّهُ سَيَعُودُ لِقَوْلِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّهُ سَيَعُودُ. فَرَصَدْتُهُ فَجَاءَ يَخْتُو مِنْ الطَّعَامِ فَأَخَذْتُهُ فَقُلْتُ لَأَرْفَعَنَّكَ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. قَالَ دَعْنِي فَإِنِّي مُحْتَاجٌ، وَعَلَى عِيَالٍ لَا أَعُودُ، فَرَحِمْتُهُ، فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ فَأَصْبَحْتُ، فَقَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ، مَا فَعَلَ أَسِيرُكَ. قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ شَكَا حَاجَةً شَدِيدَةً وَعِيَالًا، فَرَحِمْتُهُ فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ. قَالَ: أَمَا إِنَّهُ قَدْ كَذَبَكَ وَسَيَعُودُ. فَرَصَدْتُهُ الثَّلَاثَةَ فَجَاءَ يَخْتُو مِنْ الطَّعَامِ، فَأَخَذْتُهُ فَقُلْتُ لَأَرْفَعَنَّكَ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ."

الله عليه وسلم، وَهَذَا آخِرُ ثَلَاثِ مَرَّاتٍ أَنَّكَ تَزْعُمُ لَا تَعُودُ ثُمَّ تَعُودُ. قَالَ دَعْنِي أَعْلَمَكَ كَلِمَاتٍ يَنْفَعُكَ اللَّهُ بِهَا. قُلْتُ مَا هُوَ قَالَ إِذَا أَوَيْتَ إِلَى فِرَاشِكَ فَاقْرَأْ آيَةَ الْكُرْسِيِّ {اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ} حَتَّى تَخْتِمَ الْآيَةَ، فَإِنَّكَ لَنْ يَزَالَ عَلَيْكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ حَافِظٌ وَلَا يَقْرَبَنَّكَ شَيْطَانٌ حَتَّى تُصْبِحَ. فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ فَأَصْبَحْتُ، فَقَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: مَا فَعَلَ أَسِيرُكَ الْبَارِحَةَ. قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ زَعَمَ أَنَّهُ يُعَلِّمُنِي كَلِمَاتٍ، يَنْفَعُنِي اللَّهُ بِهَا، فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ. قَالَ: مَا هِيَ. قُلْتُ قَالَ لِي إِذَا أَوَيْتَ إِلَى فِرَاشِكَ فَاقْرَأْ آيَةَ الْكُرْسِيِّ مِنْ أَوَّلِهَا حَتَّى تَخْتِمَ {اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ} وَقَالَ لِي لَنْ يَزَالَ عَلَيْكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ حَافِظٌ وَلَا يَقْرَبَنَّكَ شَيْطَانٌ حَتَّى تُصْبِحَ، وَكَانُوا أَحْرَصَ شَيْءٍ عَلَى الْخَيْرِ. فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: أَمَا إِنَّهُ قَدْ صَدَقَكَ وَهُوَ كَذُوبٌ، تَعْلَمُ مَنْ تُخَاطِبُ مُنْذُ ثَلَاثِ لَيَالٍ يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ. قَالَ لَا. قَالَ: ذَاكَ شَيْطَانٌ"

“Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) deputed me to keep Sadaqat of Ramadan. A comer came and started taking handfuls of the foodstuff. I took hold of him and said: By Allah, I will take you to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ). He said: I am needy and have many dependents, and I am in great need. I released him, and in the morning Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) asked me: What did your prisoner do yesterday? I said: O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! The person complained of being needy and of having many dependents, so, I pitied him and let him go. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: Indeed, he told you a lie and he will be coming again. I believed that he would show up again as Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) had told me that he would return. So, I waited for him watchfully. When he [showed up and] started stealing handfuls of foodstuff, I caught hold of him again and said: I will definitely take you to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ). He said: Leave me, for I am very needy and have many dependents. I promise I will not come back again. I pitied him and let him go. In the morning Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) asked me: What did your prisoner do. I replied: O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! He complained of his great need and of too many dependents, so I took pity on him and set him free. Allah's Apostle said: Verily, he told you a lie and he will return. I waited for him attentively for the third time, and when he [came and] started stealing handfuls of the foodstuff, I caught hold of him and said: I will surely take you to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as it is the third time you promise not to return, yet you break your promise and come. He said: I will teach you some words with which Allah will benefit you. I asked: What are they? He replied: Whenever you go to bed, recite Ayat-al-Kursi (Allah! There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him, the Ever-Living, All-Sustaining) till you finish the whole verse. Allah will appoint a guard for you who will stay with you and no satan will come near you till morning. So, I released him. In the morning, Allah's Apostle asked: What did your prisoner do yesterday? I replied: He claimed that he would teach me some words by which Allah will benefit me, so I let him go. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) asked: What are they? I replied: He said to me, whenever you go to bed, recite Ayat-al-Kursi from the beginning to the end (Allah! There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him, the Ever-Living, All-Sustaining). He further said to me: Allah will appoint a guard for you who will stay with you, and no satan will come near you till morning. - They [the companions] were very keen to do good deeds -. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: He spoke the truth, although he is a compulsive liar. Do you know whom you were talking to, these three nights, O Abū Hurayrah? Abū Hurayrah said: No. He said: It was Satan.”



This is an evidence that the Shaytān can take the form of a human. This narration also indicates that if Shaytān is caught in a form, then he is not able to change the form in which he is in.

### THE FORM OF A SNAKE

It has been narrated by Abī Sā'ib – the freed slave of Hishām Ibn Zuhra:

"أَنَّهُ دَخَلَ عَلَى أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ فِي بَيْتِهِ قَالَ فَوَجَدْتُهُ يُصَلِّي فَجَلَسْتُ أَنْتَظِرُهُ حَتَّى يَفْضِيَ صَلَاتَهُ فَسَمِعْتُ تَحْرِيكًا فِي عَرَاجِينَ فِي نَاحِيَةِ الْبَيْتِ فَالْتَفْتُ فَإِذَا حَيَّةٌ فَوَثَبْتُ لِأَقْتُلَهَا فَأَشَارَ إِلَيَّ أَنْ اجْلِسْ . فَجَلَسْتُ فَلَمَّا انْصَرَفَ أَشَارَ إِلَى بَيْتٍ فِي الدَّارِ فَقَالَ أَتَرَى هَذَا الْبَيْتَ فَقُلْتُ نَعَمْ . قَالَ كَانَ فِيهِ فَتًى مِنَّا حَدِيثُ عَهْدٍ بِعُرسٍ - قَالَ - فَخَرَجْنَا مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِلَى الْخَنْدَقِ فَكَانَ ذَلِكَ الْفَتَى يَسْتَأْذِنُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِأَنْصَافِ النَّهَارِ فَيَرْجِعُ إِلَى أَهْلِهِ فَاسْتَأْذَنَهُ يَوْمًا فَقَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: خُذْ عَلَيْكَ سِلَاحَكَ فَإِنِّي أَخْشَى عَلَيْكَ قُرَيْظَةً. فَأَخَذَ الرَّجُلُ سِلَاحَهُ ثُمَّ رَجَعَ فَإِذَا امْرَأَتُهُ بَيْنَ الْبَابَيْنِ قَائِمَةٌ فَأَهْوَى إِلَيْهَا الرُّمْحَ لِيَطْعُنَهَا بِهِ وَأَصَابَتْهُ غَيْرَةٌ فَقَالَتْ لَهُ اكْفُفْ عَلَيْكَ رُمْحَكَ وَادْخُلِ الْبَيْتَ حَتَّى تَنْظُرَ مَا الَّذِي أَخْرَجَنِي . فَدَخَلَ فَإِذَا بِحَيَّةٍ عَظِيمَةٍ مُنْطَوِيَةٍ عَلَى الْفِرَاشِ فَأَهْوَى إِلَيْهَا بِالرُّمْحِ فَانْتَضَمَهَا بِهِ ثُمَّ خَرَجَ فَرَكَزَهُ فِي الدَّارِ فَاضْطَرَبَتْ عَلَيْهِ فَمَا يُدْرَى أَيُّهُمَا كَانَ أَسْرَعَ مَوْتًا الْحَيَّةُ أَمْ الْفَتَى قَالَ فَجِئْنَا إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَذَكَّرْنَا ذَلِكَ لَهُ وَقُلْنَا ادْعُ اللَّهَ يُحْيِيهِ لَنَا . فَقَالَ: اسْتَغْفِرُوا لِصَاحِبِكُمْ. ثُمَّ قَالَ: إِنَّ بِالْمَدِينَةِ جِنَّا قَدْ أَسْلَمُوا فَإِذَا رَأَيْتُمْ مِنْهُمْ شَيْئًا فَادْنُوهُ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ فَإِنْ بَدَأَ لَكُمْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَاقْتُلُوهُ فَإِنَّهَا هُوَ شَيْطَانٌ"

“That he visited Abū Sa’id al-Khudrī in his house, [and he further] said: I found him praying, so I sat down waiting for him to finish his prayer when I heard a stir in the bundles [of wood] lying in a corner of the house. I looked towards it and found a snake. I jumped up in order to kill it, but he made a gesture that I should sit down. So I sat down and as he finished he pointed to a room in the house and said: Do you see this room? I said: Yes. He said: There was a young man amongst us who had been newly wedded. We went with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) [to participate in the Battle] of Trench when a young man in the midday used to seek permission from Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) to return to his family. One day he sought permission from him and Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said to him: Carry your weapons with you for I fear the tribe of Quraiza [may harm you]. The man carried the weapons and then came back and found his wife standing between the two doors. He bent towards her smitten by jealousy and made a dash towards her with a spear in order to stab her. She said: Keep your spear away and enter the house until you see that which has made me come out. He entered and found a big snake coiled on the bedding. He darted with the spear and pierced it and then went out having fixed it in the house, but the snake quivered and attacked him and no one knew which of them died first, the snake or the young man. We came to Allah's Apostle (ﷺ) and made a mention to him and said: Supplicate to Allah that that [man] may be brought back to life. Thereupon he said: Ask forgiveness for your companion and then said: There are in Medina jinns who have accepted Islam, so when you see any one of them, pronounce a warning to it for three days, and if they appear before you after that, then kill it for that is a devil.”



## THE FORM OF A BLACK DOG

Abī Dharr رضي الله عنه narrated that Allāh's Messenger ﷺ said:

"إِذَا قَامَ أَحَدُكُمْ يُصَلِّي فَإِنَّهُ يَسْتُرُهُ إِذَا كَانَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِثْلَ آخِرَةِ الرَّحْلِ فَإِذَا لَمْ يَكُنْ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِثْلَ آخِرَةِ الرَّحْلِ فَإِنَّهُ يَقْطَعُ صَلَاتَهُ الْحِمَارُ وَالْمَرْأَةُ وَالْكَلْبُ الْأَسْوَدُ. قُلْتُ يَا أَبَا ذَرٍّ مَا بَالُ الْكَلْبِ الْأَسْوَدِ مِنَ الْكَلْبِ الْأَحْمَرِ مِنَ الْكَلْبِ الْأَصْفَرِ قَالَ يَا ابْنَ أَخِي سَأَلْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَمَا سَأَلْتَنِي فَقَالَ: الْكَلْبُ الْأَسْوَدُ شَيْطَانٌ"

“When any one of you stands for prayer and there is a thing before him equal to the back of the saddle that covers him and in case there is not before him [a thing] equal to the back of the saddle, his prayer would be cut off by [passing of a] donkey, woman, and black Dog. I said: O Abu Dharr, what feature is there in a black dog which distinguish it from the red dog and the yellow dog? He said: O, son of my brother, I asked the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) as you are asking me, and he said: The black dog is a devil.”

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 510

### 3 — Third Characteristic: Eating, Drinking and Fecundity

As to the characteristic of eating and drinking. The Prophet ﷺ said:

"إِذَا أَكَلَ أَحَدُكُمْ فَلْيَأْكُلْ بِيَمِينِهِ وَإِذَا شَرِبَ فَلْيَشْرَبْ بِيَمِينِهِ فَإِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَأْكُلُ بِشِمَالِهِ وَيَشْرَبُ بِشِمَالٍ"

01

“When any one of you intends to eat, he should eat with his right hand. and when he drinks he should drink with his right hand, for the Satan eats with his left hand and drinks with his left hand.”

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2020

The Prophet ﷺ said to Abū Hurayrah رضي الله عنه :

"ابْغِنِي أَحْجَارًا أَسْتَنْفِضُ بِهَا، وَلَا تَأْتِنِي بَعْظَمٍ وَلَا بَرَوْتَةٍ... فَقُلْتُ مَا بَالُ الْعَظَمِ وَالرَّوْتَةِ قَالَ " هُمَا مِنْ طَعَامِ الْجِنِّ..."

02

“Bring me stones in order to clean my private parts, and do not bring any bones or animal dung... So [Abū Hurayrah] said: what about the bone and the animal dung? He said: They are the food of Jinns”

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 3860

As for producing offspring, the Most High said:

﴿وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ كَانَ مِنَ الْجِنِّ فَفَسَقَ عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِ ۖ أَفَتَتَّخِذُونَهُ وَذُرِّيَّتَهُ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِي وَهُمْ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ بِئْسَ لِلظَّالِمِينَ بَدَلًا﴾

03

“And ‘remember’ when We said to the angels: Prostrate before Adam, so they all did—but not Iblīs, who was one of the jinn, but he rebelled against the command of his Lord. Would you then take him and his descendants as patrons instead of Me, although they are your enemy? What an evil alternative for the wrongdoers ‘to choose’!”

Surah Al-Kahf: 50

This is an evidence that the Jinn marry and have offspring.

4 —

**Fourth Characteristic: The Ability to Move Quickly**

﴿قَالَ عِفْرِيتٌ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ أَنَا آتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَقُومَ مِنْ مَّقَامِكَ ۖ وَإِنِّي عَلَيْهِ لَقَوِيٌّ أَمِينٌ﴾

01

**“One mighty jinn responded: I can bring it to you before you rise from this council of yours. And I am quite strong and trustworthy for this ‘task’.”**

Surah Al-Naml: 39

This Ifrīt from the Jinn promised Allāh’s Prophet Sulaymān ﷺ that he would possess the throne of the Queen of Yemen and bring it to Bayt al-Maqdis in a time-span not surpassing the time Prophet Sulaymān spent judging between the people.

Also, the Most High said:

﴿وَأَنَّا لَمَسْنَا السَّمَاءَ فَوَجدْنَاهَا مَلَأَتْ حَرَسًا شَدِيدًا وَشُهَبًا - وَأَنَّا كُنَّا نَقْعُدُ مِنْهَا مَقَاعِدَ لِلْسَّمْعِ ۖ فَمَن يَسْتَمِعِ الْآنَ يَجِدْ لَهُ شِهَابًا رَّصَدًا﴾

02

**“‘Earlier’ we tried to reach heaven ‘for news’, only to find it filled with stern guards and shooting stars. We used to take up positions there for eavesdropping, but whoever dares eavesdrop now will find a flare lying in wait for them.”**

Surah Al-Jinn: 8-9

5 —

**Fifth Characteristic: Whispering From Close and Far**

﴿فَوَسْوَسَ لَهُمَا الشَّيْطَانُ لِيُبْدِيَ لَهُمَا مَا وُورِيَ عَنْهُمَا مِنْ سَوْآتِهِمَا﴾

01

**“Then Satan tempted them in order to expose what was hidden of their nakedness.”**

Surah Al-A’rāf: 20

﴿فَوَسْوَسَ إِلَيْهِ الشَّيْطَانُ قَالَ يَا آدَمُ هَلْ أَدُلُّكَ عَلَى شَجَرَةِ الْخُلْدِ وَمُلْكٍ لَّا يَبْلَى﴾

02

**“But Satan whispered to him, saying: O Adam! Shall I show you the Tree of Immortality and a kingdom that does not fade away?”**

Surah Tāhā: 120

﴿قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ - مَلِكِ النَّاسِ - إِلَهِ النَّاسِ - مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ - الَّذِي يُوَسْوِسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ - مِنَ الْغِيَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ﴾

03

**“Say, ‘O Prophet’: I seek refuge in the Lord of humankind, the Master of humankind, the God of humankind, from the evil of the lurking whisperer—who whispers into the hearts of humankind—from among jinn and humankind.”**

Surah An-Nās: 1-6

The Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ إِذَا سَمِعَ النِّدَاءَ بِالصَّلَاةِ أَحَالَ لَهُ ضَرَاطٌ حَتَّى لَا يَسْمَعَ صَوْتَهُ فَإِذَا سَكَتَ رَجَعَ فَوَسْوَسَ فَإِذَا سَمِعَ الْإِقَامَةَ ذَهَبَ حَتَّى لَا يَسْمَعَ صَوْتَهُ فَإِذَا سَكَتَ رَجَعَ فَوَسْوَسَ﴾

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**“When Satan hears the call to prayer, he turns back and breaks the wind so as not to hear the call being made, but when the call is finished he turns round and whispers, and when he hears the iqama, he again runs away so as not to hear its voice and when it subsides, he comes back and whispers”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 389

6 — **Sixth Characteristic: Flows in the Human Body Like Blood**

The Prophet ﷺ said:

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**"إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَجْرِي مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ مَجْرَى الدَّمِّ"**  
**"Verily Satan circulates in the body of the human like blood"**  
Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 2039 and Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2174

These characteristics of Shaytān – the clear enemy - indicate his dangers. This will allow a person to take their precautions and fortify oneself from Shaytān.

***We ask Allāh to protect us all from the evil of this clear enemy.***



# Knowing the Aims of the Enemy

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*Chapter Two*

# “IBLIS IS AT SOLO WAR WITH THE CHILDREN OF ADAM”

The Prophet ﷺ said:

”إِنَّ إِبْلِسَ يَضْعُ عَرْشَهُ عَلَى الْمَاءِ ثُمَّ يَبْعَثُ سَرَايَاهُ فَأَذْنَاهُمْ مِنْهُ مَنَزِلَةً أَعْظَمُهُمْ فِتْنَةً يَجِيءُ أَحَدُهُمْ فَيَقُولُ فَعَلْتُ كَذَا وَكَذَا فَيَقُولُ مَا صَنَعْتَ شَيْئًا قَالَ ثُمَّ يَجِيءُ أَحَدُهُمْ فَيَقُولُ مَا تَرَكْتُهُ حَتَّى فَرَّقْتُ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ امْرَأَتِهِ - قَالَ - فَيُدْنِيهِ مِنْهُ وَيَقُولُ نَعَمْ أَنْتَ“

**“Iblis places his throne upon water; he then sends detachments; the nearer to him in rank are those who are most notorious in creating dissension. One of them comes and says: I did so and so. And he says: You have done nothing. Then one amongst them comes and says: I did not spare so and so until I sowed the seed of discord between a husband and a wife. The Satan goes near him and says: You have done well.”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2813

Although divorce is permissible, many harms can occur when separation occurs from; backbiting, black magic, murder, impact on children etc.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

”يَبْعَثُ الشَّيْطَانُ سَرَايَاهُ فَيَفْتِنُونَ النَّاسَ فَأَعْظَمُهُمْ عِنْدَهُ مَنَزِلَةً أَعْظَمُهُمْ فِتْنَةً“

**“The Satan sends detachments of his own in order to put people to trial and the highest in rank, in his eyes, is one who is most notorious in sowing the seed of dissension.”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2813

The Prophet ﷺ said:

”إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ قَالَ : وَعِزَّتِكَ يَا رَبِّ ، لَا أَبْرَحُ أُغْوِي عِبَادَكَ مَا دَامَتْ أَرْوَاحُهُمْ فِي أَجْسَادِهِمْ ، قَالَ الرَّبُّ : وَعِزَّتِي وَجَلَالِي لَا أَزَالُ أَغْفِرُ لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَغْفَرُونِي“

**“Shaytān said: By Your Honour O’ Lord, I will not leave misleading your slaves whilst their souls are in their bodies, Allāh said: By My Honour and Glory, I will continue to forgive them whilst they continue to seek forgiveness.”**

Musnad Ahmad 11050

1 First Method: To Mislead and Misguide

Allāh ﷻ said:

1 ﴿قَالَ فَبِعِزَّتِكَ لَأُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ - إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمْ الْمُخْلَصِينَ﴾  
“Satan said: By Your Glory! I will certainly mislead them all, except Your chosen servants among them.”  
Surah Sād: 82-83

2 ﴿لَعَنَهُ اللَّهُ وَقَالَ لَأَتَّخِذَنَّ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ نَصِيبًا مَفْرُوضًا - وَلَأُضِلَّهُمْ وَلَا أُغْنِيَهُمْ وَلَا أَمُرُهُمْ فَلْيَتَّكُنْ آذَانَ الْأَنْعَامِ وَلَا أَمُرُهُمْ فَلْيُغَيِّرَنَّ خَلْقَ اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَّخِذِ الشَّيْطَانَ وَلِيًّا مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ خَسِرَ خُسْرَانًا مُّبِينًا﴾  
“Cursed by Allah—who said: I will surely take hold of a certain number of Your servants. I will certainly mislead them and delude them with empty hopes. Also, I will order them and they will slit the ears of cattle and alter Allah’s creation. And whoever takes Satan as a guardian instead of Allah has certainly suffered a tremendous loss.”  
Surah An-Nisā: 118-119

Second Method: False Beautification 2

Allāh ﷻ said:

1 ﴿قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأُزَيِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ - إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمْ الْمُخْلَصِينَ﴾  
“Satan responded, “My Lord! For allowing me to stray I will surely tempt them on earth and mislead them all together, except Your chosen servants among them.”  
Surah Al-Hijr: 38-39

3 Third Method: Blocking the Path of Allāh

Allāh ﷻ said that Iblīs stated:

1 ﴿قَالَ فِيمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأَقْعُدَنَّ لَهُمْ صِرَاطَكَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ - ثُمَّ لَأَتِيَنَّهُمْ مِّن بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَعَنْ شَمَائِلِهِمْ ۖ وَلَا تَجِدُ أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَاكِرِينَ﴾  
“He said: For leaving me to stray I will lie in ambush for them on Your Straight Path. I will approach them from their front, their back, their right, their left, and then You will find most of them ungrateful.”  
Surah Al-A'rāf: 15-16

These are the tactics Shaytān uses in his battle with the children of Ādam to reach his desired goals. So what are these goals that Shaytān works day and night aiming to achieve?



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## The Greatest Goal That the Children of Ādam Enter Hell With Him

Allāh ﷻ informed us in His book that this is the goal of Shaytān. Allāh ﷻ said, whilst warning his servants:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا يَغُرَّنَكُم بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ - إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ فَاتَّخِذُوهُ عَدُوًّا إِنَّمَا يَدْعُو حِزْبَهُ لِيَكُونُوا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ﴾

**“O humanity! Indeed, Allah’s promise is true. So do not let the life of this world deceive you, nor let the Chief Deceiver deceive you about Allah. Surely Satan is an enemy to you, so take him as an enemy. He only invites his followers to become inmates of the Blaze.”**

Surah Fātir: 5-6

Also, Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿أَلَمْ تَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعَمَهُ ظَاهِرَةً وَبَاطِنَةً وَمَنِ النَّاسُ مَن يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُّنِيرٍ - وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمُ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا أَوَّلُوهَا كَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ يَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَى عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ﴾

**“Have you not seen that Allah has subjected for you whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth, and has lavished His favours upon you, both seen and unseen? ‘Still’ there are some who dispute about Allah without knowledge, or guidance, or an enlightening scripture. When it is said to them: Follow what Allah has revealed, they reply: No! We ‘only’ follow what we found our forefathers practicing. ‘Would they still do so’ even if Satan is inviting them to the torment of the Blaze?”**

Surah Fātir: 5-6

For the Shaytān to reach this goal of taking the children of Ādam with him to hell, he calls them – day and night – to actions which will enter them into hell from them:

### 1 Disbelief and Polytheism:

Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿كَمْثَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِذْ قَالَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ اكْفُرْ فَلَمَّا كَفَرَ قَالَ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّنكَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ - فَكَانَ عَاقِبَتَهُمَا أَنَّهُمَا فِي النَّارِ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الظَّالِمِينَ﴾

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**“‘They are’ like Satan when he lures someone to disbelieve. Then after they have done so, he will say ‘on Judgment Day’: I have absolutely nothing to do with you. I truly fear Allah—the Lord of all worlds. So they will both end up in the Fire, staying there forever. That is the reward of the wrongdoers.”**

Surah Al-Hashr: 16-17

Allāh ﷻ scolds the children of Ādam who accept the call of Shaytān and commit disbelief.

As Allāh ﷻ said:

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﴿أَلَمْ أَعْهَدْ إِلَيْكُمْ يَا بَنِي آدَمَ أَنْ لَا تَعْبُدُوا الشَّيْطَانَ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ - وَأَنْ اعْبُدُونِي ۚ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ - وَلَقَدْ أَضَلَّ مِنْكُمْ جِبِلًّا كَثِيرًا ۚ أَفَلَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْقِلُونَ - هَذِهِ جَهَنَّمُ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ - اصْلَوْهَا الْيَوْمَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ﴾

“Did I not command you, O Children of Adam, not to follow Satan, for he is truly your sworn enemy, but to worship Me ‘alone’? This is the Straight Path. Yet he already misled great multitudes of you. Did you not have any sense? This is the Hell you were warned of. Burn in it Today for your disbelief.”

Surah Yāsīn: 60-64

The Prophet ﷺ said:

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"وَإِنِّي خَلَقْتُ عِبَادِي حُنَفَاءَ كُلَّهُمْ وَإِنَّهُمْ أَتَتْهُمْ الشَّيَاطِينُ فَاجْتَالَتْهُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِمْ وَحَرَّمَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا أَحَلَلْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَمَرْتَهُمْ أَنْ يُشْرِكُوا بِي مَا لَمْ أَنْزِلْ بِهِ سُلْطَانًا"

“I have created My servants as one having a natural inclination to the worship of Allāh but it is Satan who turns them away from the right religion and he makes unlawful what has been declared lawful for them and he commands them to ascribe partnership with Me, although he has no evidence for that.”

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2865

As Allāh ﷻ said:

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﴿فَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ الَّتِي وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ ۖ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَافِرِينَ﴾

“so—then fear the Fire fuelled with people and stones, which is prepared for the disbelievers.”

Surah Al-Baqarah: 24

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﴿وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ لَا يُقْضَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ فَيَمُوتُوا وَلَا يُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمْ مِّنْ عَذَابِهَا ۚ كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي كُلَّ كَفُورٍ﴾

“As for the disbelievers, they will have the Fire of Hell, where they will not be ‘allowed to be’ finished by death, nor will its torment be lightened for them. This is how We reward every ‘stubborn’ disbeliever.”

Surah Fātīr: 36

Also, the Most High said:

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﴿إِنَّهُ مَن يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ ۚ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ﴾

“Whoever associates others with Allah ‘in worship’ will surely be forbidden Paradise by Allah. Their home will be the Fire. And the wrongdoers will have no helpers.”

Surah Al-Mā’idah: 72



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## Innovation

Innovation is a cause to enter the hell-fire. Innovation is more beloved to Iblīs than sin; for one repents for sinning but not innovation.

The Prophet ﷺ would always saying in his sermons:

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"إِنَّ أَصْدَقَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ، وَأَحْسَنَ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُحْدَثَاتُهَا، وَكُلُّ مُحْدَثَةٍ بِدْعَةٌ، وَكُلُّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ، وَكُلُّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ"

**“The most truthful of speech is the book of Allāh, and the best of guidance is the guidance of Muhammad. The most evil affairs are the newly-invented matters, every newly-invented matter is an innovation, every innovation is misguidance and every misguidance is in the hell-fire”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Ibn Khuzaymah 1785

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## Major Sins

### A - Killing

Allah ﷻ said:

﴿وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمِّدًا فَجَزَاؤُهُ جَهَنَّمُ خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَعَنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا﴾

**“And whoever kills a believer intentionally, their reward will be Hell —where they will stay indefinitely. Allah will be displeased with them, condemn them, and will prepare for them a tremendous punishment.”**

Surah An-Nisā: 93

### B - Zinā

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"ثَلَاثَةٌ لَا يُكَلِّمُهُمُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَلَا يُزَكِّيهِمْ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ شَيْخٌ زَانٍ وَمَلِكٌ كَذَّابٌ وَعَائِلٌ مُسْتَكْبِرٌ"

**“[There are] Three with whom Allah would neither speak, nor would He absolve them on the Day of Resurrection, and there is grievous torment for them: the aged adulterer, the lying king and the proud destitute.”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 107

Allah ﷻ said:

﴿وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ ۚ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا - يُضَاعَفْ لَهُ الْعَذَابُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَيَخْلُدْ فِيهِ مُهَانًا - إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ...﴾

**“They are” those who do not invoke any other god besides Allah, nor take a ‘human’ life—made sacred by Allah—except with ‘legal’ right, nor commit fornication. And whoever does ‘any of’ this will face the penalty. Their punishment will be multiplied on the Day of Judgment, and they will remain in it forever, in disgrace. Except for those who repent...”**

Surah Al-Furqān: 70



‘Atā ﷺ said regarding the explanation of the statement of Allah ﷻ:

﴿لَهَا سَبْعَةُ أَبْوَابٍ لِّكُلِّ بَابٍ مِّنْهُمْ جُزْءٌ مَّقْسُومٌ﴾

**“It has seven gates, to each a group of them is designated.”**

Surah Al-Hijr: 44

**"أشدُّ تلك الأبواب غمًّا وحرًّا وكربًا وأنتنًا ريحاً للزُّناة"**

**“The severest of those doors [in terms of]; sorrow, heat, distress, and foul-smelling is for those who committed Zinā”**

Hilyah al-Awliyā 5/198

## C - Usury

Allah ﷻ said:

﴿الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ الرِّبَا لَا يَقُومُونَ إِلَّا كَمَا يَقُومُ الَّذِي يَتَخَبَّطُهُ الشَّيْطَانُ مِنَ الْمَسِّ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا الْبَيْعُ مِثْلُ الرِّبَا ۚ وَأَحَلَّ اللَّهُ الْبَيْعَ وَحَرَّمَ الرِّبَا ۚ فَمَنْ جَاءَهُ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِ فَانْتَهَىٰ فَلَهُ مَا سَلَفَ وَأَمْرُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَنْ عَادَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ﴾

**“Those who consume interest will stand ‘on Judgment Day’ like those driven to madness by Satan’s touch. That is because they say, “Trade is no different than interest.” But Allah has permitted trading and forbidden interest. Whoever refrains—after having received warning from their Lord—may keep their previous gains, and their case is left to Allah. As for those who persist, it is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever.”**

Surah Al-Baqarah: 275

## D - Lying, backbiting and tale-bearing

Allah ﷻ said:

﴿كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ رَهِينَةٌ ۖ إِلَّا أَصْحَابَ الْيَمِينِ ۖ فِي جَنَّاتٍ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ۖ عَنِ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ۖ مَا سَلَكَكُمْ فِي سَقَرٍ ۖ قَالُوا لَمْ نَكُ مِنَ الْمُصَلِّينَ ۖ وَلَمْ نَكُ نُطْعِمِ الْمِسْكِينَ ۖ وَكُنَّا نَحْوُضَ مَعَ الْخَائِضِينَ ۖ وَكُنَّا نَكْذِبُ بِيَوْمِ الدِّينِ ۖ حَتَّىٰ أَتَانَا الْيَقِينُ ۖ فَمَا تَنْفَعُهُمْ شَفَاعَةُ الشَّافِعِينَ﴾

**“Every soul will be detained for what it has done, except the people of the right, who will be in Gardens, asking one another about the wicked ‘who will then be asked’: What has landed you in Hell? They will reply: We were not of those who prayed, nor did we feed the poor. We used to indulge ‘in falsehood’ along with others, and deny the Day of Judgment, until the inevitable came to us. So the pleas of intercessors will be of no benefit to them.”**

Surah Al-Muddathir: 38-48

﴿وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَبِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَا هُمْ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ۖ يُخَادِعُونَ اللَّهَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَمَا يُخْدِعُونَ إِلَّا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ۖ فِي قُلُوبِهِم مَّرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا ۖ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ﴾

**“And there are some who say: We believe in Allah and the Last Day, yet they are not ‘true’ believers. They seek to deceive Allah and the believers, yet they only deceive themselves, but they fail to perceive it. There is sickness in their hearts, and Allah ‘only’ lets their sickness increase. They will suffer a painful punishment for their lies.”**

Surah Al-Baqarah: 8-10

Also, Allah ﷻ said:

﴿وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ تَرَى الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ وُجُوهُهُم مُّسْوَدَّةٌ ۚ أَلَيْسَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى لِّلْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ﴾

“On the Day of Judgment you will see those who lied about Allah with their faces gloomy. Is Hell not a ‘fitting’ home for the arrogant?”

Surah Az-Zumar: 60

The Prophet ﷺ said:

”إِيَّاكُمْ وَالْكَذِبَ فَإِنَّ الْكَذِبَ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْفُجُورِ وَإِنَّ الْفُجُورَ يَهْدِي إِلَى النَّارِ وَمَا يَزَالُ الرَّجُلُ يَكْذِبُ وَيَتَحَرَّى الْكَذِبَ حَتَّى يُكْتَبَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ كَذَّابًا“

“Beware of telling of a lie for telling of a lie leads to obscenity and obscenity leads to Hell-Fire, and the person who keeps telling lies and endeavours to tell a lie is recorded as a liar with Allah.”

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6094 and Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2607

02

Creating Animosity and Hatred Between the Believers

If animosity and hatred occurs within the Muslims it divides their ranks, splits their united word, and weakens their īmān. This is because they begin to become busy with themselves instead of their external enemy. To reach this goal of animosity and rancour between the believers, Shaytān utilises whatever means he can. From them is:

1

Alcohol and Gambling

As Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ رِجْسٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ - إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوقِعَ بَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَيَصُدَّكُمْ عَن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ ۚ فَهَلْ أَنتُمْ مُنْتَهُونَ﴾

1

“O believers! Intoxicants, gambling, idols, and drawing lots for decisions are all evil of Satan’s handiwork. So shun them so you may be successful. Satan’s plan is to stir up hostility and hatred between you with intoxicants and gambling and to prevent you from remembering Allah and praying. Will you not then abstain?”

Surah Al-Mā'idah: 90-91

2

Aggravating Words

﴿وَقُلْ لِّعِبَادِي يَقُولُوا الَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ ۚ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَنزِعُ بَيْنَهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا﴾

1

“Tell My ‘believing’ servants to say only what is best. Satan certainly seeks to sow discord among them. Satan is indeed a sworn enemy to humankind.”

Surah Al-Isrā: 53



3

Friction Between Those Who Love Each Other

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ قَدْ أَيْسَ أَنْ يَعْبُدَهُ الْمُصَلُّونَ فِي جَزِيرَةِ الْعَرَبِ وَلَكِنْ فِي التَّحْرِيشِ بَيْنَهُمْ"

1

**“Verily, the Satan has lost all hopes that the worshippers would ever worship [him] in the peninsula of Arabia, but he [is hopeful] that he would sow the seed of dissension amongst them.”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2812

Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاثْبُتُوا وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ - وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ ۖ وَاصْبِرُوا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ﴾

2

**“O believers! When you face an enemy, stand firm and remember Allah often so you may triumph. Obey Allah and His Messenger and do not dispute with one another, or you would be discouraged and weakened. Persevere! Surely Allah is with those who persevere.”**

Surah Al-Anfāl: 46-47

When Shaytān is unable to make an individual disbelieve, he works towards weakening their īmān by busing them, in this animosity and trials, from the worship of their Lord for which they were created. This is why the Prophet clarified the virtue of worship in the times of trials and tribulations. The Prophet ﷺ said:

"الْعِبَادَةُ فِي الْهَرْجِ كَهَجْرَةٍ إِلَى"

3

**“Worshipping during the period of widespread turmoil is like emigration towards me.”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2948

Allāh ﷻ – in the belittlement of disunity - said:

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيَعًا لَّسْتَ مِنْهُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ ؕ إِنَّمَا أَمْرُهُمْ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ يُنَبِّئُهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ﴾

4

**“Indeed, you ‘O Prophet’ are not responsible whatsoever for those who have divided their faith and split into sects. Their judgment rests only with Allah. And He will inform them of what they used to do.”**

Surah Al-Anfāl: 46-47

The Prophet ﷺ would aim to keep the companions united. Once, the companions were all scattered around in the shade for a midday nap, the Prophet ﷺ said:

"إِنَّ تَفَرُّقَكُمْ فِي هَذِهِ الشُّعَابِ وَالْأَوْدِيَةِ إِنَّمَا ذَلِكُمْ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ"

5

**“This dispersing of yourselves in the mountain passes and valleys is from Shaytān”**

Narrated by Abū Dāwūd 2628



03

### Distressing the Believers

Shaytān strives to place sorrow, anxiety and depression in the heart of the believers. He does this in a variety of ways:

1

#### Secret Talks

Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿إِنَّمَا النَّجْوَى مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ لِيَحْزُنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَيْسَ بِضَارِّهِمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۚ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ﴾

1

**“Secret talks are only inspired by Satan to grieve the believers. Yet he cannot harm them whatsoever except by Allah’s Will. So in Allah let the believers put their trust.”**

Surah Al-Mujādilah: 10

**Al-Najwa:** is when two people talk secretly in the presence of a third. The Prophet ﷺ blocked this path of Shaytān, wherein he ﷺ said:

“إِذَا كُنْتُمْ ثَلَاثَةً فَلَا يَتَنَاجَى رَجُلَانِ دُونَ الْآخَرِ، حَتَّى تَخْتَلِطُوا بِالنَّاسِ، أَجَلَ أَنْ يُحْزِنَهُ”

2

**“When you are three persons sitting together, then no two of you should hold secret counsel excluding the third person until you are with some other people too, for that would grieve him.”**

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6290 and Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2184

2

#### Frightening Dreams

The Prophet ﷺ said:

“الرُّؤْيَا ثَلَاثَةٌ: مِنْهَا تَهَاوِيلُ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ لِيَحْزُنَ ابْنُ آدَمَ، وَمِنْهَا مَا يُهَمُّ بِهِ الرَّجُلُ فِي يَقْظَتِهِ فَرَأَاهُ فِي مَنَامِهِ، وَمِنْهَا جُزْءٌ مِنْ سِتَّةٍ وَأَرْبَعِينَ جُزْءًا مِنَ النَّبُوَّةِ”

1

**“The dreams are three: from them is when Shaytān exaggerates to distress the son of Ādam. From them is that which the man was contemplating over so he sees it in his dream. From them is a portion from forty-six portions of prophecy.”**

Narrated by al-Tabarānī in al-Kabīr 18/63

3

#### Prevent Them From The Dhikr of Allāh

If the believers become heedless of the remembrance of Allāh, Shaytān is able to distress them, as Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿اسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَأَنسَاهُمْ ذِكْرَ اللَّهِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ حِزْبُ الشَّيْطَانِ ۚ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ الشَّيْطَانِ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ﴾

1

**“Satan has taken hold of them, causing them to forget the remembrance of Allah. They are the party of Satan. Surely Satan’s party is bound to lose.”**

Surah Al-Mujādilah: 19

Also, Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿وَمَنْ يَعِشْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ الرَّحْمَنِ نُقَيِّضْ لَهُ شَيْطَانًا فَهُوَ لَهُ قَرِينٌ - وَإِنَّهُمْ لَيَصُدُّوهُمْ عَنْ السَّبِيلِ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ﴾

2

“And whoever turns a blind eye to the Reminder of the Most Compassionate, We place at the disposal of each a devilish one as their close associate, who will certainly hinder them from the ‘Right’ Way while they think they are ‘rightly’ guided.”

Surah Az-Zukhruf: 37

Shaytān utilises sins to distract one from the remembrance of Allāh; like alcohol, gambling and other than these. Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوقِعَ بَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَيَصُدَّكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ ۚ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنْتَهُونَ﴾

3

“Satan’s plan is to stir up hostility and hatred between you with intoxicants and gambling and to prevent you from remembering Allah and praying. Will you not then abstain?”

Surah Al-Mā'idah: 91

# Sincerity Towards Allāh

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*Chapter Three*



Ikhlās is a manner in which the believer can fortify themselves from their clear enemy. This has been acknowledged by Shaytān himself, as Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأُزَيِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَأُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ - إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمْ الْمُخْلِصِينَ﴾

01

**“Satan responded: My Lord! For allowing me to stray I will surely tempt them on earth and mislead them all together, except Your sincere servants among them.”**

Ṣurah Al-Hijr: 39-40

﴿قَالَ فَبِعِزَّتِكَ لَأُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ - إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمْ الْمُخْلِصِينَ﴾

02

**“Satan said, “By Your Glory! I will certainly mislead them all, except Your sincere servants among them.”**

Ṣurah Sād: 82-83

Therefore, brothers and sisters,  
know that **Shaytān** is your **clear enemy**.

As Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ﴾

**“Surely Satan is a sworn enemy to humankind.”**

Ṣurah Yūsuf: 5

***Shaytān flows in a person like blood.***

As the Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَجْرِي مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ مَجْرَى الدَّمِ﴾

**“Verily Satan circulates in the body of the human like blood”**

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 2039 and Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2174

***Shaytān is present in all ones affairs.***

As the Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَحْضُرُ أَحَدَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مِنْ شَأْنِهِ﴾

**“The Satan is present with any one of you in everything he does”**

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2033

**Allāh ﷻ commanded us to have sincerity:**

﴿وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ﴾

**“even though they were only commanded to worship Allah ‘alone’ with sincere devotion to Him.”**

Ṣurah Al-Bayyinah: 5

Also, Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ فَاعْبُدِ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ - أَلَا لِلَّهِ الدِّينُ الْخَالِصُ﴾

**“Indeed, We have sent down the Book to you ‘O Prophet’ in truth, so worship Allah ‘alone’, being sincerely devoted to Him. Indeed, sincere devotion is due ‘only’ to Allah.”**

Ṣurah Az-Zumar: 2-3

The Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّةِ وَإِنَّمَا لِامْرِئٍ مَا نَوَىٰ فَمَنْ كَانَتْ هِجْرَتُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ فَ" هِجْرَتُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَمَنْ كَانَتْ هِجْرَتُهُ لِدُنْيَا يُصِيبُهَا أَوْ "امْرَأَةٍ يَتَزَوَّجُهَا فَهِجْرَتُهُ إِلَىٰ مَا هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِ

“Verily, actions are determined by intention.

A man will be rewarded only for what he intended.

The emigration of one who emigrates for the sake of Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ) is for the sake of Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ); and the emigration of one who emigrates for gaining a worldly advantage or for marrying a woman is for what he has emigrated.”

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 1 and Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 1907

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَقْبَلُ مِنَ الْعَمَلِ إِلَّا مَا كَانَ لَهُ خَالِصًا وَابْتِغَايَ بِهِ وَجْهَهُ"

“Allah does not accept any deed, except that which is purely for Him, and seeking His Face.”

Sunan al-Nasā’ī 3140 and Mu’jam al-Kabīr by al-Tabarānī

Allāh ﷻ said to His Messenger ﷺ:

﴿قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ - لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ۚ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ﴾

“Say: Surely my prayer, my worship, my life, and my death are all for Allah—Lord of all worlds. He has no partner. So I am commanded, and so I am the first to submit.”

Surah Al-An’ām: 162-163

There are some signs of the one who is sincere:

1

### Giving For The Sake of Allāh

Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿وَيُطْعَمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَىٰ حُبِّهِ مِسْكِينًا وَيَتِيمًا وَأَسِيرًا - إِنَّمَا نُطْعِمُكُمْ لِوَجْهِ اللَّهِ لَا نُرِيدُ مِنْكُمْ جَزَاءً وَلَا شُكُورًا - إِنَّا نَخَافُ مِنْ رَبَّنَا يَوْمًا عَبُوسًا قَمْطَرِيرًا - فَوَقَاهُمُ اللَّهُ شَرَّ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ وَلَقَّاهُمْ نَضْرَةً وَسُرُورًا - وَجَزَاهُمْ بِمَا صَبَرُوا جَنَّةً وَحَرِيرًا﴾

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“and give food—despite their desire for it—to the poor, the orphan, and the captive, ‘saying to themselves’: We feed you only for the sake of Allah, seeking neither reward nor thanks from you. We fear from our Lord a horribly distressful Day. So Allah will deliver them from the horror of that Day, and grant them radiance and joy, and reward them for their perseverance with a Garden ‘in Paradise’ and ‘garments of’ silk.”

Surah Al-Insān: 8-12

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Hastening Towards Goodness

Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ مِنْ خَشْيَةِ رَبِّهِمْ مُشْفِقُونَ - وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ يُؤْمِنُونَ - وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِرَبِّهِمْ لَا يُشْرِكُونَ - وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْتُونَ مَا آتَوْا وَقُلُوبُهُمْ وَجَلَةٌ أُنْتَهَمُ إِلَى رَبِّهِمْ رَاجِعُونَ - أُولَئِكَ يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَهُمْ لَهَا سَابِقُونَ﴾

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“Surely those who tremble in awe of their Lord, and who believe in the revelations of their Lord, and who associate none with their Lord, and who do whatever ‘good’ they do with their hearts fearful, ‘knowing’ that they will return to their Lord—it is they who race to do good deeds, always taking the lead.”

Surah Al-Mu’minūn: 57-61

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Seeking Martyrdom and Paradise

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"مَنْ سَأَلَ اللَّهَ الشَّهَادَةَ بِصِدْقٍ بَلَغَهُ اللَّهُ مَنَازِلَ الشُّهَدَاءِ وَإِنْ مَاتَ عَلَى فِرَاشِهِ"

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“Who sought martyrdom with sincerity will be ranked by Allah among the martyrs even if he died on his bed.”

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Sincerity is the first characteristic we need to uphold to protect ourselves from Shaytān.



# Continuous Engagement in the Remembrance of Allāh

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*Chapter Four*

1 Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿وَمَنْ يَعِشْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ الرَّحْمَنِ نُقَيِّضْ لَهُ شَيْطَانًا فَهُوَ لَهُ قَرِينٌ﴾

**“And whoever turns a blind eye to the Reminder of the Most Compassionate,  
We place at the disposal of each a devilish one as their close associate”**

Surah Az-Zukhruf: 36

2 The Prophet ﷺ said:

"إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَمَرَنِي بِخَمْسٍ كَلِمَاتٍ أَنْ أَعْمَلَ بِهِنَّ، وَأَمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تَعْمَلُوا بِهِنَّ"

**“Verily, Allāh commanded me with five affairs, that I act by them,  
and command you to act by them”**

3 And he ﷺ mentioned from it:

"وَأَمُرُكُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ كَثِيرًا، وَإِنْ مَثَلَ ذَلِكَ كَمَثَلِ رَجُلٍ طَلَبَهُ الْعَدُوُّ سِرَاعًا فِي أَثَرِهِ، فَأَتَى حِصْنًا حَصِينًا، فَأَحْرَزَ نَفْسَهُ فَتَحَصَّنَ فِيهِ، وَإِنَّ الْعَبْدَ أَحْصَنُ مَا يَكُونُ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ إِذَا كَانَ فِي ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ"

**“I command you with performing a lot of remembrance of Allāh,  
and the parable of this person is like a man who is being closely chased  
by the enemy, then he reaches a strong fortress, by this he protects and  
shields himself, and the best fortress that a slave can take from  
the Shaytān is the remembrance of Allāh.”**

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4 Allah ﷻ commanded and described the believers as those  
who remember him often:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا﴾

**“O believers! Always remember Allah often”**

Surah Al-Ahzāb: 41

5 Also, Allah ﷻ said:

﴿لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا﴾

**“Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example  
for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day,  
and remembers Allah often.”**

Surah Al-Ahzāb: 21

6 Also, the Most High said:

﴿فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا  
مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾

**“Once the prayer is over, disperse throughout the land and seek  
the bounty of Allah. And remember Allah often so  
you may be successful.”**

Surah Al-Jumu'ah: 10

7 Also, He ﷺ said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاثْبُتُوا وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾

**“O believers! When you face an enemy, stand firm and remember Allah often so you may triumph.”**

Surah Al-Anfāl: 45

8 Also, the Glorified said:

﴿وَالذَّاكِرِينَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا وَالذَّاكِرَاتِ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُم مَّغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا﴾

**“and men and women who remember Allah often—for ‘all of’ them Allah has prepared forgiveness and a great reward.”**

Surah Al-Ahzāb: 35

These are ways in which the human can protect themselves from the Shaytān.





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